

# STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

**AGENDA DATE:** November 7, 2023

**DEPARTMENT:** Leisure Services

**TITLE:**

Sargassum Grant Agreement

**SUMMARY:**

The State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management has made general revenue available to local jurisdictions in South Florida in response to the Sargassum emergency. The Sargassum Grant Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions for the reimbursement of \$4,650 the City incurred for the removal of sargassum from the municipal beach.

**BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:**

The Florida Legislature has made nonrecurring general revenue available to the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) in response to the Sargassum emergency that impacted South Florida earlier this year. FDEM will allow reimbursement to local jurisdictions in South Florida for expenses resulting from Sargassum removal from beaches within their immediate area of operations or jurisdiction.

In accordance with instructions provided in the notification of the availability of this funding issued by FDEM in July 2023, the City submitted a summary of expenses it incurred for Sargassum removal from its municipal beach during the period of January 2023 through June 2023. The removal of Sargassum from the municipal beach was performed by Beachkeeper, Inc., a contractor with the City to provide beach clean-up and maintenance services.

FDEM approved an award in the amount of \$4,650 based on the City's application for these past expenses. The Sargassum Grant Application sets forth the terms and conditions for the reimbursement of these expenses. The award amount can only be spent as reimbursement of these past expenses as listed in the City's application. Reimbursement for continuous clean-up will not be permitted.

**MOTION:**

Move to approve/disapprove and authorize the Mayor to execute the Sargassum Grant Agreement with FDEM.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Fiscal Impact Analysis  
Agreement

**FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<b>Fiscal Years</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>
Inflows/Revenues					
Appropriated (Budgeted)	0	0	0	0	0
Program Income	0	0	0	0	0
Grants	4,650	0	0	0	0
In Kind	0	0	0	0	0
Outflows/Expenditures					
Appropriated (Budgeted)	0	0	0	0	0
Operating	4,650	0	0	0	0
Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact					
<i>(If not budgeted)</i>	0	0	0	0	0
No. of Addn'l Full-Time					
Employee Positions	0	0	0	0	0

New Appropriation (Not Budgeted) Fiscal Impact:		
	Revenue Source	Expenditure
Department	Grant Fund	Leisure Services
Division	Culture/Recreation	Beach
GL Description	Other Contractual	Other Contractual
GL Account Number	180-0000-331-70-00	140-8072-572.34-50
Project Number	TBD	TBD
Requested Funds	\$4,650	\$4,650
Remaining Balance	N/A	N/A